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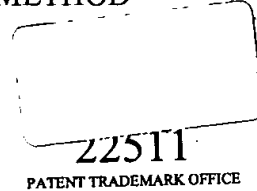
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EMPLOYING SUCH A LENS ARRANGEMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as outlined below:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract and replace with the following paragraph:

(New) The present invention discloses a lens arrangement for the particle-optical imaging of an object to be imaged and positionable in an object plane into an image area. In one embodiment, the lens arrangement includes a first focusing lens device for providing a field having a focusing effect on the imaging particles for imaging the object from the object area into an intermediate image area, a second focusing lens device for providing a further field having a focusing effect on the imaging particles for imaging the object, which has been imaged into the intermediate image area, into the image area, and a deflection lens device for providing a field having a deflecting effect on the imaging particles in a region of the intermediate image area.

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